

touching the apprehension of Conquest, wherewith the capitall and unnaturall Traitors doe seeke to harden the hearts of those that haue lesse offended vs, thereby hoping to binde them faster to run their desperate fortune: We doe professe hereby to the worlde, that we are so farre from any such purpose, as the very name of Conquest in this case seemeth so absurd to vs, as wee cannot imagine vpon what ground it coulde enter into any mans conceite, that our actions tending onely to reduce a number of unnaturall and barbarous Rebels, and to roote out the Capitall heads of the most noxious Traitors, should neede any such title of Conquest, when we haue in that our kingdome (to our great contentment) the best part of our Nobilitie, the people of all our good Townes, and diuers of our subjects so assured in their Loyaltie to vs, as they giue vs no suspicion of falling from their dueties. Of which our true and Princely meaning, we require all our Subjects there in generall, to take comfort, and such as for any cause are reuolted from their duetie, to bethinke themselves betimes of the extreme miserie whereinto they shall throw themselves, if by persisting in this rebellion, they giue vs cause to vse against them, the last (but worst of all remedies) the sword, which for repairing of our Honour, the safetie of the rest of our people, and the assurance of the course of our Justice, wee are both forced, and so resolved to doe to all that shall not with all expedition, penitencie, and humilitie, prostrate themselves to our mercie, as their onely way to redeeme themselves from the calamities and confusions, whereof their owne heartes cannot but feelee (before hand) the horrour. For confirmation of all which resolutions, as well howe to proceede with the grieved and humbled hearts, as with the obstinate and obdurate: We haue made choyce of such a person to be in that Realme, the minister both of our Justice and Mercie, whose valour, wisdom, and successe in other publike actions, which we haue committed vnto him, and the force of our good Subjects, with which he is now and shall be furnished, as it may be iust terrour to the wicked, in making them see before their eyes, the short and desperate ende of these their barbarous and unnaturall courses; So may this our election of a person of his place and ranke euery way, both in our Counsels and in our kingdome, sufficiently assure our duetifull Subjects there, of the great care we haue of their preservation, of the abundance of our Clemency, and gracious disposition to those that shall deserue mercie, and of our resolution to make the obstinate enemies to God, and Traitors to our Crowne and dignitie, to feelee our powerfull Arme.

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God saue the Queene.

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